

German Submarine Reported Off Coast of Ocean City, Md., by American Seaplane

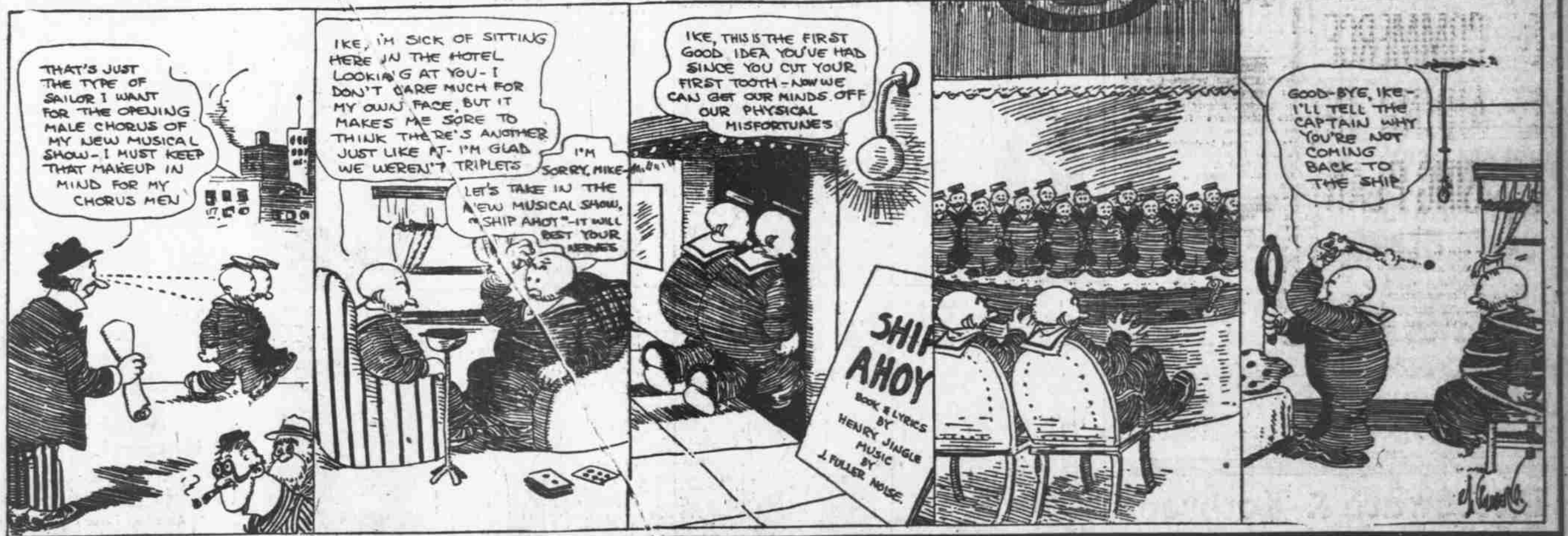
THREE DEPTH CHARGES ARE DROPPED IN SUB'S COURSE

BALTIMORE, July 12.—That submarines are operating off the Maryland coast was given credence yesterday afternoon by seaplanes which worked out from Ocean City, and which reported that they plainly saw the wake of a submarine about ten miles out from the resort, says the Baltimore Sun. This gave rise to a report that the submarine had torpedoed a steamer within sight of Ocean City, and that the life guards stationed there helped to rescue the survivors.

Whether a vessel was torpedoed anywhere in that neighborhood could not be learned, but it is certain that the Ocean City life guards did not rescue any survivors, and it is believed that the report about a steamer being torpedoed was a mistake.

Seaplanes frequent visitors. Although there are no coast patrol flying boats stationed at Ocean City, from six to a dozen make a landing in Sinepuxent Bay, at that point, every day. Yesterday two of them put to sea and in a short time one of them

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returned and sent off a report stating that the wake of a submarine had been seen, and immediately afterward left. The second plane did not return and it is thought that the plane that sent the report from Ocean City went to join its companion. They usually travel in pairs, one of them carrying wireless apparatus and the other depth bombs, with two men to each machine. It is reported that the machine carrying depth bombs dropped three of them in the course of the submarine, but it is not known whether a hit was scored.

The report that evidence of a submarine had been sighted near Ocean City caused a great deal of interest, but no excitement, and even after the report was current throughout the town people were bathing as if nothing had happened. The report that a ship had been sunk was, however, generally discredited. There were a number of fishing steamers at work in the neighborhood where the submarine is reported to have been seen, and these had their small boats out.

There were also a number of small boats out fishing a considerable distance at sea, and it is believed that these were taken to be the boats from a sunken steamer.

No Firing Heard at Sea.

There was no firing at sea heard at Ocean City, and no explosion such as would have been felt, if a steamer had been destroyed by bombs or torpedoed. And fishing boats that returned in the evening from the neighborhood in which the submarine had been reported said that they had seen no signs of wreckage. The fishermen reported that they had seen nothing but fishing steamers and the coast guard airplanes.

According to reports made yesterday to the hydrographic office in the custom house, an auxiliary schooner from the west coast of Central America reported that when Body Island bore southwest at 3 p. m. on July 9 the vessel ran into a large lot of floating lumber, and after steaming six miles on a north by west course, lumber and wreckage was passed. The wreckage including a part of a deckhouse with windows painted white. Some of the lumber was 6 by 8 and 4 by 10 inches.

A fruit steamer from Jamaica also reported that when off Body Island several water casks and doors of a schooner were seen.

CLOSING OF BREWERIES MAY BRING ICE SHORTAGE

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 12.—The closing of the breweries, which will result from the proposed shutting off of the coal supply, will probably mean that Cumberland will be without ice. Ice here is made at the two brewing plants.

Col. John Keating, secretary and treasurer of the Cumberland Brewing Company, says that his company has no notice that fuel is to be shut off, but that it may be received within a few days. Mr. Keating says the cutting off of the supply of coal from the breweries would stop the manufacture of ice, as it is impossible without extensive changes in the machinery of the plants to manufacture ice without running the machinery of the brewery.

In the event such an order is received, the breweries would be forced to close down entirely within two weeks, Mr. Keating said. In that case, he said, the manufacture of ice would have to be stopped until necessary changes could be made in the location of the machinery. This would be done at heavy expense.

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